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SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—"May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that a huge sum of chopping tax is collected from people engaged in this industry and do Government consider giving up that tax for the protection of this industry?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Sir, so many candidates are trained at the Beypore Centre. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether there is any provision for future employment for these trainees who come out of the institution?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Government do expect that all these trainees would be absorbed."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—"Sir, it was stated that a Coir Advisory Board has been constituted. May I know who are the Members of this Board and what advice they have given to the Government?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"About the members on the Board I would like to have notice. But I may tell the hon. Member that the Board is holding periodical meetings and is submitting its recommendations to the Government regarding the methods for improving this industry."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"Sir, in view of the fact that there is want of market for coir products produced in Malabar and other regions, will the Government be pleased to find out markets in foreign countries through the Government of India?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I think I answered a similar question even last year and said that the Government are looking into this question of providing more marketing facilities for this industry."

SRI O. KORAN :—"Sir, may I know whether the Collector of Malabar has sent any suggestions to start Coir Industry in Nattika firka as represented to him by the Nattika Relief Committee with an offer of Rs. 9,000 to start the industry?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"Sir, the question is about the training schools. I would like to have notice about the other questions."

Co-operative Societies

* 859 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies registered so far in 1954; and

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(*b*) the number of co-operative societies liquidated during the same period?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Four hundred and sixty-four during the co-operative year 1953–54, i.e., from 1st July 1953 to 30th June 1954. Figures for the calendar year 1954 are not readily available.

" (*b*) Hundred and eighty-three during the co-operative year 1953–54."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" It is stated that 183 societies went into liquidation within a year. Have the Government gone into the question why so many societies have to be liquidated and have they taken steps to see that no co-operative institution comes to such a pathetic condition?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Badly working societies prove to be failures and they have to be wound up."

Commercial Taxes Department

9–10 a.m. * 860 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the percentage, if any, of recruitment from the Registration Department to the Commercial Tax Department at present;

(*b*) whether there has been any change in the proportion of recruitment from the Registration Department within the last five years; and

(*c*) if so, when the change was effected and why?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" In September 1953, recruitment to the posts of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers from among Sub-Registrars was discontinued, as the Government had to provide for the absorption of a large number of revenue subordinates who had to revert to lower categories on account of the introduction of the scheme of separation of the judiciary from the executive. In July 1954, recruitment to the posts of Commercial Tax Officers from among District Registrars was stopped, as there were only 13 permanent posts of Commercial Tax Officers, while there were as many as 150 Deputy Commercial Tax Officers awaiting promotion to those posts."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether all the reverted persons in the Revenue Department have been absorbed and whether, after their absorption, recruitment to these posts from the other departments will be resumed so that the staff of those departments also may have some encouragement?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" As vacancies arise, they are being absorbed. As for other departments getting a chance, that will be done when there is an opportunity."